

Amendments to the Drawings

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(d)(1), attached hereto is one annotated sheet depicting changes made to drawing Figure 1. The attached Figure 1 has been amended to correct the depiction of the size of the grooving rollers (7) and the format rollers (9) relative to the size of the drive wheels (4).

Also attached hereto is one replacement sheet of drawings, incorporating the changes made to Figure 1, which replaces the drawing sheet originally submitted with the application.

Remarks

Withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action and reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the personal interview conducted with the examiner on January 24, 2008. During the interview Applicants first reviewed Applicants' reply of May 8, 2007, to the first Office Action. The examiner acknowledged that contrary to the apparent indication in the final Office Action, all of the amendments presented in Applicants' Amendment were entered.

Applicants then suggested to the examiner that the outstanding Office Action should not be a final rejection. That is because Applicants responded to each objection and rejection presented in the first Office Action, and there are no additional objections or rejections presented in the final Office Action. Furthermore, no prior art is cited in either the first Office Action or the final Office Action. Agreement was reached that the finality is improper. It was agreed that Applicants would respond to the present Office Action by requesting i) withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action and ii) reconsideration of the application. Accordingly, the examiner also confirmed that no Advisory Action would issue in response to the present reply.

Then, at the examiner's request, Applicants explained the fundamentals of the instant invention. The examiner inquired about the size of the conveyor belt drive wheels 4 relative to the size

of the tool rollers 7, 9 because contrary to the specification, drawing Figure 1 appears to show the diameter of the drive wheels as being smaller than the diameter of the tool rollers. The examiner's concern is addressed by this Amendment.

Turning to the present Amendment, drawing Figure 1 has been amended as described above in the "Amendments to the Drawings" section. As indicated, Figure 1 has been amended to correct the depiction of the size of the grooving rollers (7) and the format rollers (9) relative to the size of the drive wheels (4). This change has been made in response to the question posed by the examiner during the interview. Support for the drawing correction is found in Applicants' specification including, for example, at page 2/7, line 25 ("the drive wheels have a larger diameter than the tool rollers") and in original claim 1 ("the drive wheels (4) have a larger diameter than the tool rollers (7, 9)"). The claimed feature of "drive wheels having a larger diameter than the tool roller" is an important aspect of the present invention and contributes to the advantages described throughout the specification. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendment, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Previously presented claims 1-5 and 7-12 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, and 7 are independent. The objections and rejections are respectfully submitted to be obviated

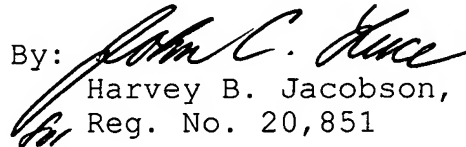
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in view of the agreement reached during the interview, the drawing correction, and the remarks presented herein.

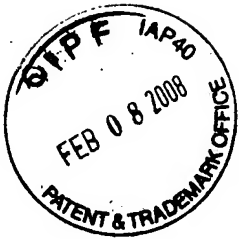
In view of the foregoing, this application is now in condition for allowance. Since the finality of the Office Action is to be withdrawn, entry of this Amendment is deemed to be proper without the necessity for a Request for Continued Examination. If the examiner believes that another interview might expedite prosecution, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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Fig. 1

